

our Heirs and Posterities forever, until the last Drop of our Blood be spent; and do beseech Your Majesty to accept hereof, as the first Fruits in this General Assembly of our Loyalty and Faith to your Majesty, and your Royal Progeny forever.

May 4th, 1715: On the behalf of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE; by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. I will this be a Law,

Jo. Hart.

An ACT prohibiting the Importation of Bread, Beer, Flower, Malt, Wheat or other Indian or English Grain or Meal, Horses, Mares, Colts or Fillies from Pennsylvania, and the Territories thereto belonging. Reported the 3d of October 1728

BE it Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever, to import or cause to be imported from the Province of *Pennsylvania* or the Territories thereto belonging, or from any other Plantation, or Province, or Colony in this Continent in *America*, into any Port of this Province, by Land or by Water, any Quantity or Quantities of Bread, Beer, Flower, Malt, Wheat or other *English* or *Indian* Grain, or Meal, Horse or Horses, Mare or Mares, nor any Colt or Filly, or Tobacco (except Tobacco from *Virginia* to this Place for loading Ships,) on Pain and Penalty, that whosoever shall import, contrary to this Act, any the Things aforesaid, shall loose and forfeit the same; One Half to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Support of the Government of this Province, the other Half to him or them that shall seize or give Information of the same, whereby they may be seized. The Penalty.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That every Justice of Peace within this Province, in his proper County, and every Naval Officer and Collector, in or out of his District, and every Constable or Constables in his or their several and respective Hundreds, and every Church-Warden or Church-Wardens, in his or their several and respective Parishes, by Virtue of their Offices and this Act, may lawfully seize such Goods and Things as they find imported contrary to this Act. And if any private Person, being none of the Officers aforesaid, shall discover any such Goods or Things so unlawfully imported, he shall inform the next Justice of the Peace, who is hereby enjoined and commanded, under the Penalty of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, to be forfeited to the Use aforesaid, to direct a Precept to the next Constable or Constables of such Hundred where such Things are supposed to be concealed, thereby commanding, at the Request of such Informer, to make Search for such Things as aforesaid, unlawfully Imported, where such Informer shall direct; and the same having found, to seize and secure for the Use of his Majesty, and Informer aforesaid, and the same to keep for What Officers may seize the Goods prohibited.
How private Persons shall inform, and how the Magistrates shall proceed therein.